

# Natural Communities Symposium: From Classification to Conservation

Natural communities are well suited for identifying and mapping conservation lands. Conservation biologists, botanists, and others will discuss the various regional natural community classifications and their use in conservation and land management.

Please join us for a half-day symposium on the  
natural communities of Massachusetts and surrounding states

April 1, 2006—8:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Stanger Hall, Room 209  
Stonehill College, Easton, MA



Black Oak — Scarlet Oak Forest



Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamp



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## Scheduled Topics/Speakers\*

- **Classifying Massachusetts Natural Communities: Where We Are Today, and Where We Might Go**—Pat Swain, Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, MassWildlife
- **The Natural Communities of Rhode Island**—Julie Lundgren, Rhode Island Field Office, The Nature Conservancy
- **The Bigger Picture: Patterns of Natural Communities in the Landscape**—Dan Speduto, New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau
- **Mapping Natural Communities: Lessons from Camp Edwards, Cape Cod**—Michael Ciaranca, Massachusetts Army National Guard
- **Bioinventory and Community Classification on MassWildlife Forestlands**—Nancy Putnam, Forest Inventory Project, MassWildlife
- **Natural Communities of the Mt. Holyoke Range**—Karen Searcy, University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- **The Flora and Natural Communities of the Boston Harbor Islands**—Ted Elliman, Botanical consultant
- **Defining Natural Communities: How large, how persistent, and how native? — Roundtable Discussion**

\* Subject to change.

There is no charge for this symposium, but you **MUST** register by March 22nd

To register, or for additional information, contact:  
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Symposium updates available at [www.conservationmapper.org](http://www.conservationmapper.org)



# Directions to Stonehill College

**Stonehill College is located off Route 24 in Easton Massachusetts**

**From Route 128/95**

- (Coming from New Hampshire, North Shore, Metro Boston, and South Shore)
- Take Exit #4 — Route 24 South, Brockton/Fall River
- Exit # 17B — Route 123
- West/Easton (Route 123 is also called Belmont Street)
- College is 1/2 mile on right

**From Route 495**

- (Coming from central and western Mass., South Coast, Cape Cod, and Providence)
- Take Exit #7A — Route 24 North
- Exit # 17B — Route 123
- West/Easton (Route 123 is also called Belmont Street)
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Once on campus, park in the first lot on the right, behind Cushing-Martin Hall. Stranger Hall is located in the center of the campus, adjacent to St. Mary's Chapel.

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